



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR COUNTY

OTTAWA COUNTY

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POPULATION:

- Total population: **280,243**
- Under age 5: **17,900 (6%)**
- Age 65+: **38,532 (14%)**
- Median age: **35**

RACE / ETHNICITY:

- White: **236,327 (84%)**
- African American: **3,845 (1%)**
- Hispanic or Latino: **26,437 (9%)**
- Asian: **7,539 (3%)**
- American Indian/Alaska Native: **730 (0%)**

NO HEALTH INSURANCE:

- Total: **13,348 (5%)**
- Children: **1,677 (2%)**



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AGES 25 AND OLDER

Less than ninth grade	5,052	3%
Ninth to twelfth grade, no diploma	8,451	5%
High school diploma or GED	49,191	29%
Some college, no degree	37,629	22%
Associate degree	16,160	9%
Bachelor's degree	37,735	22%
Graduate or professional degree	18,372	11%

MEDIAN WAGE:

\$37,949 for women

\$52,395 for men

Female-to-male earnings ratio: **72%**
(Women earn 72¢ for every dollar men earn.)

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

\$63,962

POVERTY RATE: **10%**



Families with children

10%

Children under age 18

10%

Single-parent (female) family

34%

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME:

24,904 **10%**

Limited English proficiency (age 5+)

9,354 **4%**

Source: American Community Survey Data Profiles (2017 5-Year Estimates)

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HOUSING

Renter occupied

23%

Owner occupied

77%

Median rent

\$854

Median mortgage

\$1,264

Households in which
rent is 35+ percent
of income

8,270 39%

Households in which
mortgage is 35+
percent of income

6,790 14%

COMMUTING TO WORK



83%

Drove alone (car,
truck or van)



9%

Carpooled



1%

Public
transportation



2%

Walked



1%

Other means



4%

Worked at
home

Travel time
to work
(minutes)

21



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